

Lord, Angela

From: Angela Travers <a_traver@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Community Feedback

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Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like the participatory budgeting. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Thank you

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Angela Travers
Pronouns: she/her/hers
[*\(Why Pronouns Matter!\)*](#)

Lord, Angela

From: webmaster@greensboro-nc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: undefined

Recipients: virtualcomment@greensboro-nc.gov
Sender subject: Budget for police department
Sender name: Claire Morse
Sender email: cmorse@guilford.edu

I believe the current budget proposal involves a transfer of funds into the police department from community services. I believe this is a serious mistake. If Chief James has already begun to address the police culture and the history of police misconduct in the GPD, I am not aware of those efforts. They are necessary as evidenced by the Marcus Smith killing, ruled a homicide. Perfect example of the oppressive behavior of police. Consider the message conveyed by funding that culture by reducing community-designated funds. It illustrates exactly how we have gotten to where we find ourselves. Demand real, deep change in the GPD. Require a concrete, specific plan for change iaddressing bias, real encommunity engagement before awarding funds. Begin with this budget to change all,our institutions toward producing equity in policy and thus in outcome. Make sure outcome data are readily and publicly available. Present the data broken down by "race", gender, age . Accountability

Lord, Angela

From: Mike Baumann <baumann.mike@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget comment

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I am a Greensboro citizen - I live at 813 Montpelier Dr. I am concerned that police in our nation are overfunded in comparison to other community services. In Greensboro I see that the proposed budget includes a decrease for community services and increasing money to the GPD. I have read the explanation as to why there was a decrease in these areas, but it does not make good public relations no matter the explanation. Some might make the point that crime is down due to reduction in movement due to Covid-19, and you could decrease the police budget and redirect some funds to elevating underserved communities.

Budgets show the citizens what leaders value. Now is the time to show the citizens that you hear what the peaceful protestors are asking you to consider.

Thank you for your time,
Michael Baumann

Lord, Angela

From: pamela chappell <chappellpamela@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed funding for police department

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Dear City Council members. It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposal for \$2 million increase in funds to GPD. At the same time essential and supportive community services are being defunded by \$1 million. I understand this is a year of trials and great expense to the city. This all breaks my heart. I have been a resident here for over 40 years. I am pleased to see some of the changes in the GPD. However I do feel the funds of this magnitude should NOT be shifted away from Community services in high risk and low income areas. I would like to see increased funding contingent upon setting up or expanding services within the PD that coordinate with Community services. Perhaps this could be presented as jointly funded projects to set up a service to call when mental health, substance abuse and domestic disputes are called in. Also having a new and improved community police presence seen as a team with local community members who are trusted. Keeping our high risk youth busy and hopeful about a future is imperative. I trust you will make a wise decision. I submit this message with respect and concern.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: allisonjeanne@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Good afternoon,

My name is Allison Agresti and I have been a proud Greensboro resident for most of my life. I am writing as I am very concerned about the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. It is my understanding that the plan is to allocate an additional 2 million dollars to the police department and decrease community funding by 1 million dollars. This is an outrage. Our community would be much better served by focusing money on community resources, recreation centers, and housing programs. I urge you to reconsider this budget and spend our city's money uplifting the community.

Best regards,
Allison Agresti

Lord, Angela

From: Dianne Joyce <rudywilson@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: CALL TO ACTION!!! Dear City Council, I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for...

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Jennifer Hubbard <jen.hubbard22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by the City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Hubbard

Lord, Angela

From: Mya Singleton <myabsingleton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bret Mazzei <bretmazzei@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: 2020-2021 Budget Comments

Mayor, Council-members, & City Manager, I appreciate the many pages of documentation you have provided and the public meetings you have held. I have read the budget, listened to the public meetings, and had a conversation with the budget department on some of my questions. I have a long list of comments and opinions, but I will summarize 2 points that I think are important for you to consider.

1) Given the vast uncertainty, and large range of possibilities around the revenue number, including downside risk, I would be more specific on what will cause a meaningful change in plan. I would want to understand very specifically, the trigger points, review periods, and financial indicators that are going to cause shifts in operations. I have heard comments of scenario planning that has been done, but the importance of specificity cannot be understated. As part of the budget, I would recommend documenting and signing off on the exact review dates, the exact metrics that will be reviewed at those meetings, monthly targets for those metrics, and the general financial implications of missing those targets. I would also recommend having a list of potential actions to be taken and dedicating an amount of time during work sessions to regularly discuss them. If the time then comes when a new plan is needed, you can act more thoughtfully, more quickly and with as minimal amount of chaos to the City as possible. What I am concerned about is that it is going to be unclear when actions need to be taken. You are going to hear comments like, 'bookings improved by 80% this month.' Ok, that is month over month, but what about year over year and more importantly, how does that relate to the plan that you all agreed upon? Therefore, again, to get ahead, I would strongly recommend defining the metrics, defining the monthly targets, creating general financial implications of missing the targets and getting the checkpoint reviews on the calendar.

2) Not necessarily for the budget sign-off, but I think a scorecard that is presented to the council (and public) on a monthly basis, which includes financial and operational metrics by department would be very beneficial. This would help create more transparency and assist in understanding where we are succeeding and failing as a city. These metrics should be defined by the departments (some were outlined in the budget document), the council, ***the committees appointed by the council, and the public***. The committees and public need to have some power in defining the metrics that matter to them. The metrics should be completed on a regular basis (at a minimum monthly) and presented. Metrics are tricky. They take time to create, pull together, and get data aligned. They sometimes create unintended consequences, but regular focus on metrics, adjusting the metrics if needed, and adding/removing metrics all can lead to a more knowledgeable city, a clearer understanding of what tax-payer dollars are being used for, and better decision making.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

With gratitude,
Bret Mazzei
District 4

Lord, Angela

From: Madeline Saintsing <mksaints@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed law enforcement budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely yours,

Madeline Saintsing

Lord, Angela

From: Benjamin Allen <btallen2@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget feedback 2020

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Ben Allen

From: Lynn Wright-Kernodle <lwkernodle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

I know you've heard from many citizens about budget issues especially as regards allocations for our police department. While I am most concerned about these allocations - especially in light of what is happening in our city, state, and country right now with "law and order" - I'd like to take a slightly different approach. I have been ready for quite some time, and never more than now, to see our city leaders take a significant stand to address seriously some of the root causes of crime in our community - such causes as poverty, homelessness, hunger, racism, inequality in housing and job opportunities, etc. Token allotments here and there do little to root out these insidious problems. Poring more and more money into the police department will not address these root problems. Poring more and more money into property development for primarily wealthy persons and wealthy areas of our community will not address these root problems. "Cracking down" on "crime" by weaponizing the police force even more will not address these root problems. Once again, it seems that token allotments here and there for these root causes of unlawfulness, do little to actually address the problem. One day, I'd like to see a sea-change in the attitudes of those in power in our community (elected and otherwise) so that ALL of our citizens would be dealt with as important to our community. Unfortunately, looking at yet another budget from city staff and likely supported by City Council members, I see only more of the same - with no significant attempt to address these serious inequities. I guess I have my answer.

LWK

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Lynn Wright-Kernodle, M.Ed., Ed.D.
303 West Bessemer Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27401
336-202-4857 (C)

Lord, Angela

From: Sarah Perlmutter <sperlmutter53@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Police Department proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has been decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community. However, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting out community. I also demand justice for Marcus Smith.

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Sarah Perlmutter

Appalachian State University I Biology

336-254-8615 I sperlmutter53@gmail.com

Lord, Angela

From: Robert Ferguson <betoferguson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment on Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community. However, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

Robert Ferguson
Resident since 2017

Sent from my iPad

Lord, Angela

From: Jessie Perkins <jessieraeperkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund GPD

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$200,000, while the budget for community services has been decreased significantly, with cuts also threatening the Greensboro Transit Agency and programs like participatory budgeting. I'm not even a resident of Greensboro, but I went to UNCG and spend a lot of my time in Greensboro. I love Greensboro and the community that resides there. I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering the community: creating and strongly funding a neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and use that money towards uplifting the community of Greensboro. Increasing the budget for the police just doesn't make sense.

Lord, Angela

From: Keerthana Velappan <aimhigh354@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-evaluate proposed budget!

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by 55,000 dollars. I have family in Greensboro, and I know they are proud members of your community; however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if, instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering the community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money directly uplifting the Greensboro community.

Sincerely,
Keerthana Velappan

Lord, Angela

From: Greensboro City Workers Union <greensboroue150@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Step Pay Plan for all essential city workers, Not \$215K for more police
Attachments: Merit Pay Unfair Charts March 2020.pdf

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Dear City Manager and City Council,

We are emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. We understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two hundred thousand dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars.

We have been presenting to you for almost two years now for you to consider a Step Pay Plan for all essential city workers. After all the hard work and risks we put in amid the COVID-19 pandemic, this should be considered this year for us, not just police and fire.

We believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs and supporting demands of Greensboro City Worker Union UE Local 150 for Step Pay Plan. We urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community and all essential city workers.

See attached numbers reflecting how unfair the merit-only system of raises is for city workers.

Yours for safe jobs that save lives,
Greensboro City Workers Union, chapter of UE Local 150

Lord, Angela

From: Elva Bennett <elvabennett94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DO NOT INCREASE BUDGET FOR GPD

Dear City Council,

My name is Elva Bennett and I am a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina (27403). I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Best,
Elva Bennett
608 Shawnee Rd, Greensboro NC 27403

Lord, Angela

From: Lauren Atkinson <lmatkinson@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Best regards,
Lauren Atkinson

Lord, Angela

From: lesly vasquez <leslymosqueda601@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please read!

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro police Department had increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community services has been decreased by \$1 million. I am a resident of Greensboro and a proud member of the community and believe that Greensboro would be a better, more safe place if funds were re-allocated and put towards bettering our community. I urge you to re-evaluate the budget and spend more money uplifting out community! We need this more than anything else! Please reconsider!

Lord, Angela

From: Kelly McCallum <kellyamccallum@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Kelly McCallum

Lord, Angela

From: Taylor Dupree <taylordupree121@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Lord, Angela

From: Rebecca May <rcmay15@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

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R. May

Lord, Angela

From: Kyle Wurtz <khwurtz@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Andrew Florence <andrewtflorence@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Input

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thanks,
Andrew Florence

Lord, Angela

From: Margaret Byrum <byrummab@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council Budget -- STOP FUNDING POLICE

Dear City Council,

My name is Meg Byrum, and I have been a proud citizen of Greensboro for nearly 13 years. I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish.

I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars.

I am a proud member of my community, and I believe that Greensboro can only become a safe, equitable place if we move away from funding the police. I believe that our strength and safety come from community resources, not violent, militarized policing. Creating that community brings with reprioritizing resources, and taking the first steps to defund the police.

I ask that, instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocate their budget-increase funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget, reconsider funding the police force (particularly funding that would further militarize them), and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you for listening to the community's demands as you design the budget. I hope our needs guide you towards creating a better city and better system.

Best,
Meg Byrum

Lord, Angela

From: Anna Cochrane <aecochra93@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Anna Cochrane

Lord, Angela

From: Kathleen Gleason <kathglea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment on proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Kathleen Gleason

Lord, Angela

From: Benjamin Warren <bwarren5@elon.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Benjamin S. Warren

J.D. Candidate 2020 | Leadership Fellow

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Lord, Angela

From: alyson.nunez@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget increases

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. It's time for a change. It's time for really investing in the programs Greensboro needs, not more policing. If these community programs were available, police could focus more on their role as helpers and less as enforcers. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

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Lord, Angela

From: jennifru@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Concerns Over the Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Jennifer McNeill

Lord, Angela

From: Moe o <mosipenko221@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DE-MILITARIZE THE POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. While technically I am a resident of Jamestown I consider myself to be a proud member of the Greensboro community, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of overfunding the GPD you reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money on uplifting the community.

Thank you,

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Morgan Osipenko
(336) 745-7299

Lord, Angela

From: Amanda Mayes <mayesa12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you in regards to the proposed Greensboro budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), which is already \$78 million, has a proposed increase while the budget for Community Services has a proposed decrease. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. At the very least, consider mandatory de-escalation training for all GPD members. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Amanda Mayes

Lord, Angela

From: Nikolaus Knight <nbknight@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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The community has not requested more police presence and statistically more police does not equal less crime.

#defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

Warm Regards,

Nikolaus B. Knight
Project Management Intern for The Volunteer Center of Greensboro
Resident Assistant
Bachelors of Science in Political Science
Class of 2019
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
Email: nikfromncat@gmail.com
Mobile: [\(803\) 565-9852](tel:(803)565-9852)

Lord, Angela

From: Chassidy Crump <chassidy.crump@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I have concerns about reallocating money to enrich our community towards the Greensboro Police Department. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Best,
Chassidy Crump
Pre-K Teacher
Guilford College '14

Lord, Angela

From: Connor Smith <cnsmith47@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget Concerns

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Connor Smith

Lord, Angela

From: elliewaugh@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please Reconsider Proposed Budget

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Greensboro City Council,

My name is Ellie and I have been a Greensboro resident for three years. When I moved to Greensboro, I was disappointed to see the lack of community development and social services being provided for its residents. In the past three years, not enough has been done to fix this.

This morning I found out that the Greensboro City Council is planning on funding 2 million dollars to the Greensboro Police Department with money that would have been put towards community services. I am reaching out to implore you to reconsider allocating money to the Greensboro PD.

Greensboro needs to be investing in social programs! Without social programs, we are preventing residents from receiving the necessary resources, information and care they need. Our residents' needs should be considered first. Providing funds to the GPD will not benefit our community in the way that it needs. Please let Greensboro serve as a positive example to other cities who choose to put federal powers above the needs of their residents.

Thank you for your time.

Lord, Angela

From: Maria Yandell <mefyandell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GSO Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Maria Yandell
Greensboro resident + public school teacher

Lord, Angela

From: Rachel Scott <rrmize@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: No budget for police department

There should be no line items in the budget for the police department for tear gas, shields, or anything of that nature. They used them because they had them, and it was completely unnecessary.

Police can't be accused of excessive force when they don't have the means to enact it. Greensboro doesn't need tear gas. Greensboro doesn't need combat shields. Greensboro needs compassion, we need programs that help build positive relationships between cops and their citizens from an early age onward. Greensboro police can't serve and protect citizens who are scared of them. We need a lot of healing right now.

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Rachel M. Scott

Mom/Educator/Tech Geek/Entrepreneur

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lord, Angela

From: Alex Gates <alexraygates@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Proposal

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Lord, Angela

From: Jd Etheridge <jd.etheridge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: No Extra Funding to Police

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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: hester@rootsandreliefs.info
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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I am opposed to any increase in funding for the police department in the new budget.

I support implementation of the step pay plan for city workers as proposed by the Greensboro City Workers Union.

Hester Petty
3402 Canterbury St
Greensboro, NC 27408

Lord, Angela

From: dshaw@guilford.edu
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget concerns from taxpayer resident

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you for your kind attention to our concerns!
Deborah L. Shaw

Lord, Angela

From: Sophia Barron <sophiabarron10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund Greensboro PD

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$215,000, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Emmi Bulla <ebulla@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Reallocation of Funds Proposed by City Manager

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Thank you,
Emery Bulla

Lord, Angela

From: Gwen Barlow <gwenbarlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I grew up in Greensboro, have worked in Greensboro throughout my graduate education (law & city & regional planning) at UNC-CH & will soon be a resident again (July 1). I believe that Greensboro can be a safer, healthier city if city funding prioritized aiding & supporting our citizens through community development, affordable housing development and other social services. I believe continuing to over-fund the GPD will result in Greensboro being less safe to all its residents. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Gwen Barlow

Lord, Angela

From: Seth Rosson <sethgrosson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,
Seth Rosson

Lord, Angela

From: Justice Nasim SimsMcCray <jmsimsmccray@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police department funding

Hello to City Council,

THIS IS NOT, the best we can do with our funding. The police department is not lacking in any funds, systems or tools to get their job down. There are MANY more useful options we can allocate the money to. If we want to help crime in communities, then let's fund them with the things they actually need to succeed and do better with their time for what they need. The police department would be getting more than need while the community is still broken apart financially and economically!

Lord, Angela

From: Louisa Sholar <lsholar@elon.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Louisa Sholar and I have lived in Elon, NC for the past four years. I write to you as a neighbor and want to voice my independent opinions. I am deeply concerned about the actions taken by the GSO Police Department members during the recent protests surrounding racial justice and ongoing examples of police brutality Black communities experience on a daily basis. I want to remind the council that violence against Black communities can take many forms- it is not only present in the explicit racist acts of officers like Derek Chauvin; it is present in systems that routinely oppress and deny Black individuals the right to live and thrive. It comes in the form of reduced access to healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, among so many other examples of social injustices. We can and must do better.

A city's budget is a moral document. I want to voice my support for efforts to direct proposals for increased funding for the police department towards other social programs in recognition of the priorities exhibited by your funding allocations. I ask that the budget be reexamined to prioritize fully-funded neighborhood recreation centers, community services, housing programs, and other public goods. Please listen to the voices of activists in your community who are telling you what they need in order to see improvements in community safety and wellbeing.

Finally, I promise this will not be the last time you hear from me. I will do better about connecting with you as local government officials in the future.

Louisa

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Louisa Sholar
Honors Fellow | Elon University Class of 2020
she/her/hers
704.677.8549

Lord, Angela

From: B Solomon <brandon_solomon@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank You,
Brandon Solomon

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Lord, Angela

From: Sierra Rector <slrector3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the police

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Sierra L. Rector

Lord, Angela

From: Zulma Hernandez <zulmajulianahernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget proposal

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Lord, Angela

From: Walsh, Adriana <walsam19@wfu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Call to action: Defund the police!

Good afternoon,

As a resident of Greensboro, I implore you to please adjust the planned 2020-21 budget to defund the police and the sheriff's office, and to re-allocate those planned funds for community development.

To make Greensboro safe, especially during this pandemic and economic crisis, we need to help all residents meet basic needs. The police do not help accomplish this goal, and often actively make communities less safe by harassing and inflicting violence upon Black people and other oppressed groups. I urge you to allocate funds instead to agencies that actually make us safe – including mental health services, housing and food security efforts, other health services and public health programs, and the education system.

George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others died in the hands of police brutality. If you want our communities to not only survive but thrive, then support services that can make it happen! Reduce funding for the police!

Sincerely,

Adriana Walsh

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Adriana M. Walsh

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

M.A. Student

Department of Counseling (Clinical Mental Health Track)

Wake Forest University

walsam19@wfu.edu

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Lord, Angela

From: barmacost14@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Beth Armacost

Lord, Angela

From: Michele Forrest <micheleforrest@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Michele Forrest

Lord, Angela

From: Virginia Miller <millervir@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Proposal

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

As you know, nationwide protests are ongoing. If you have been watching the same disturbing footage of police officers treating American citizens with egregious brutality, I urge you to reconsider this budget. The actions of these officers is in no small part because of a larger-than-life budget which is geared towards military-grade gear and military-style training.

Greensboro has a legacy of Civil Rights. I am proud that I was born and raised here. Please, please listen to your citizens as we protest. Please take steps to invest in the community, to invest in programs that will engage our citizens and provide for them.

Thank you.

Virginia Miller
2406 Wright Ave
Greensboro, NC 27403

Lord, Angela

From: Sierra Leigh <leighway3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Changes

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sierra Leigh

Lord, Angela

From: Jessica Fisher <jfisher619@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,
Jessica Fisher

Lord, Angela

From: Deni Daniels <denidaniels94@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parrish. This budget gives \$2 million more to the police department but lowers the community services budget by \$1 million. The budget for neighborhood development is down by \$55,000. I love Greensboro and I would love it even more if the money being pushed to the police could instead be put toward bettering our community! We need community services. We need neighborhood recreation centers. We need housing programs. The people of Greensboro are not afraid of each other. We don't need to militarize our police force. Please reevaluate the proposed budget and spend money bettering our community, instead!

Thank you for your time,
Deni

Lord, Angela

From: Tatiyana Blakely <anayitat@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: defund gpd

City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those days funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

I grow up in the projects and even tho we had playgrounds and one recreation center, now thinking about it we got our playgrounds updated maybe once since i lived in that neighborhood from 10+ years and nothing changed, i was pretty young then so things like this never interest me or it didn't really matter to me being that i was young but now i am 20 years old and now i want to make that change, if the police do there jobs CORRECTLY instead of killing and hurting innocent people we wouldn't be here but it's a bigger issue, this country isn't perfect but it's build on hate and slowly we need to change cause i'll be dammed if i'm 25+ years emailing my city council again or seeing another black man killed by the cops, and having to experience this again with my children. so please be that small change please. we can do this!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Phoebe Stanley <fireblade41600@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the police

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

-Phoebe

Lord, Angela

From: Caroline Weatherly <carolineweatherl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Increase Community Funding

Dear City Council,

My name is Caroline Weatherly and I am a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Web Farabow <webfarabow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Invest in Community, not Police

Hello,

My name is Web Farabow and I was born and raised in Greensboro, NC.

Like many others, I've been horrified by the displays of violence we've seen from police offices around the nation. Though GPD has largely protected the right of Greensboro residents to protest (at least prior to the introduction of a curfew), it's become clear that problems with policing are not individual but systemic. Greensboro, like all cities around the nation, should take this opportunity to critically evaluate the role police should play in our community.

I'm emailing to express my concern at the proposed \$215,000 funding increase for GPD in 2020, and particularly my concern of a long-term plan to steadily increase the department's budget. We need to think about alternative uses of these resources.

As the City has heard from countless protestors, GPD is unable to protect our City's black residents, and has too-often functioned as an organization of harm, rather than protection. We need to re-invest GPD funding in community organizations with the power to help people without the need for escalation to the police. We need to address the root causes of social dysfunction — systemic racism and inequality — rather than perpetuate them with inequitable policing.

I'm calling for increased funding for public housing, social services, public health, and public recreation services. I'm urging you to invest in our community, rather than increase funding for a department and a system that fails and will continue to fail the black members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Web Farabow
(336) 259-7734

Lord, Angela

From: Ahmad Tejan-Sie <al-hadi04@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Social Budget Concerns

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Dear City Council,

I have been a resident of Greensboro almost my entire life. I am very upset about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. The police budget has been increased by \$2 million dollars while the budget for community services has been decreased by \$1 million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a proud member of my community. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over funding the GPD, you would re-allocate those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Regards,

Ahmad Tejan-Sie

Lord, Angela

From: Alle Lacoste <allemaylacoste@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the police

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the decision to fund the Greensboro police department with \$2 million by taking from the community service fund. I do not agree with this decision. The community needs fully funded recreation areas and housing services. We have no need for an overly inflated police force in this city.

Thank you,

- Alle Lacoste

Lord, Angela

From: Juliann Losey <juliannlosey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Content

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Juliann Losey

Lord, Angela

From: Kosmic Karma <kosmicxkarma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: In regards to the budget

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Signed,

Vanessa H

Lord, Angela

From: Casey Ohara <cmohara@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Outling, Justin; Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment from Resident on Proposed City Budget
Attachments: received_993535517784342.png

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I am writing as a concerned citizen, community member, clinical mental health counselor in training, and student of UNCG.

For decades elected officials have tried to appease people like me by pushing for police reform. In Greensboro, this has meant an increased budget for police for many years. It is well past time to admit that this is only increasing harm and unrest. City Manager David Parrish's proposed budget would increase the police budget by ~215,000 dollars, while the budget for Community Services would decrease by ~479,000 dollars. I implore you to reconsider.

As people across the United States demand that Black lives be honored and upheld, as we demand that police stop violently killing Black people and that police who have done so be held accountable, we are being met with the exact brutality we are fighting against. Right here in Greensboro, police are teargassing citizens, using OC spray against citizens, shoving citizens with their hands and bicycles, and shooting rubber bullets into crowds indiscriminately. I have seen GPD physically assault peaceful protesters with my own two eyes this week. You have tried to cover up their violence in the past, but the people will not unsee the violence we are experiencing and witnessing firsthand. I have also seen GPD stand idly by as known, armed white supremacists roamed the streets downtown. This is regrettably reminiscent of the Greensboro Massacre of 1979. It is disgusting and dehumanizing, and to be plain with you all, it is scary.

Protests do not stop being valid, justified, and the first amendment right of the people just because you don't agree with the demands or tactics.

Nancy Vaughan's choice to impose a curfew to silence protesters as well as the choice to bring in the National Guard is literally putting lives at risk. You are sanctioning state violence against the people of Greensboro, and it is becoming increasingly clear that our City Council is not exercising necessary control over the unhinged, violent police in our city. How are we supposed to trust any of you? How are we supposed to believe that you represent us?

Remove the curfew. Send away the National Guard. And above all else, cut the police budget. Decrease their funds, invest in neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs.

Imagine the city we could build together if we reallocated the funds currently being dumped into the police and instead invested in our communities. You know as well as I do that there are generations of organizers in Greensboro, people who dedicate their lives to the well-being of our city, who would jump at the opportunity to work with City Council and create a budget that increases resources and safety--a budget that reflects the needs of the citizens.

I await your response with great hope as well as grave concern.

Solemnly,
Casey O'Hara

****I submit this comment as a correction to a previous submission. I have also seen Nancy Vaughan's Facebook post that the National Guard are not in Greensboro. See the attached image where local news reports that she requested their presence. Her post also claims people "couldn't miss" the National Guard if they were here. I recognize the mayor wants to have her "gotcha" moment on the internet, but as our local police have been outfitted in riot gear and additional forces have been called in from a neighboring city, this comes off like she's more interested in defending semantics than understanding the basic truth that increased police presence makes our communities less safe.**

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020, 10:07 AM Casey Ohara <cmohara@uncg.edu> wrote:

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Casey O'Hara

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Casey O'Hara
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Lord, Angela

From: Ashlee Eplee <aeplee@tesgk8.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Ashlee Eplee

Lord, Angela

From: Sohnie Black <sohnie@f4dc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: 2021 City Budget

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I'm emailing about the current budget that our City Manager is proposing. I was terribly disappointed to learn that the amount of money being allotted for the Police Department is being increased, while the amount of money being spent for Community Services is being decreased. I firmly believe that what our city needs most to alleviate crime are community-based programs that address the root causes of violence. The root causes being poverty, substance abuse disorders, and mental health issues to name a few. Needless to say in the wake of the Covid-19 virus overwhelming numbers of people in our community are struggling with these issues and there is little to no help for them. The safety net that once existed to help with these issues no longer exists and what remains of the safety net is woefully inadequate- it is a frayed and broken net. The safety net exists to help address issues before they reach a critical stage that requires police intervention. Police departments and the tools that they employ are designed to be utilized after a crime is committed. We need to be proactive and address the underlying issues *before* a crime is committed.

I want to ask that the budget for the Police Department remain the same and that more money be diverted to existing community - based programs for children of all ages and their families. We also need to create and fund new and innovative programs that do not utilize methods and approaches that we know from past experience and empirical data are ineffective.

Sincerely,
Sohnie Black

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Sohnie Black
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Lord, Angela

From: erineobrien31@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police Funding

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Thanks,
Erin O'Brien

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Devon Mcknight <devonm8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Devon McKnight
336.402.1974
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Lord, Angela

From: Duncan Kelly <tdkelly1464@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Lord, Angela

From: Shannon Thompson <shannyoday@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

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Shannon

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Ayesha Richardson <amrichardson.realestate@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro budget

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Thank you for the opportunity to earn your business and referrals,

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Lord, Angela

From: Jessie Perkins <jessieraeperkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Police Department

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I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$200,000, while the budget for community services has been decreased significantly, with cuts also threatening the Greensboro Transit Agency and programs like participatory budgeting. I'm not even a resident of Greensboro, but I went to UNCG and spend a lot of my time in Greensboro. I love Greensboro and the community that resides there. I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering the community: creating and strongly funding a neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and use that money towards uplifting the community of Greensboro. Increasing the budget for the police just doesn't make sense.



ReplyForward

Lord, Angela

From: Motley Studio <hello@motleync.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re: Please Rethink FY20-21 Budget Proposal

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[[Saw all the updates and just wanted to make sure you knew our feelings haven't changed!]]

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Chelsea and the Motley Team



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On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 9:14 AM Motley Studio <hello@motleync.com> wrote:

Dear City Council and Mayor Vaughan,

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Lord, Angela

From: Erica Martin <ericanmartin89@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Planning

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Lord, Angela

From: Katrina Martin <kmartin87@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: On the budget

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I am a resident of Durham but have family ties to Greensboro. Given my love for North Carolina and my desire to watch its citizens thrive, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Katrina Martin

Lord, Angela

From: naomi.nicely@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: BLM

Dear City Council,

My name is Naomi Nicely and I am a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Rebecca Adams <pinkhorseinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback on Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you concerning the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I've lived in Greensboro for the last eight years, and I'm a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, the money was re-allocated to better the community through neighborhood rec centers, community services, housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and put more towards uplifting our community.

Thank you!

Lord, Angela

From: Kara Gustaveson <karagustaveson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-evaluate Proposed budget

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Dear City Council,

My name is Kara Gustaveson and I am a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina (27410). I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Kara Gustaveson

Lord, Angela

From: Priscilla Son <priscillajson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Citizen concerns for budget allocation

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Thank you,
Priscilla Son

Lord, Angela

From: Elizabeth Perrill <eaperrill@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment; Kennedy, Michelle
Subject: Community funding, keep it strong

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Dear city representatives,

I am a concerned citizen writing to urge you to prioritize Community Programming, Libraries, and support of communities at risk with your budgeting priorities.

These are difficult financial times and certainly the protests throughout our nation will make many feel that Policing and Police department budgets should rise. But an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of "cure" or potential violence. We do not need to see Greensboro's police department "gearing-up" in the military style that we have seen in many cities. We should follow the model of Denver, Iowa City, New York, and other beautiful places where police are standing side-by-side with protesters.

I am a white woman over 40 and I marched for over two hours this past weekend. I was one of the oldest people in the area, apart from police, and I saw some police hugging protesters (well done!). I also witnessed at least one police officer very clearly trying to antagonize youth. When police are on the same level with protesters with empathy and basic protective gear (not paramilitary gear) then we are far less likely to see escalations.

Thank you all for your service and strength,
Dr. Elizabeth Perrill

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Dr. Elizabeth Perrill
Pronouns: she, her, hers (what is this?)

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Director of Undergraduate Studies, School of Art
Director, HNAC (Humanities Network and Consortium)
UNC Greensboro
Greensboro, North Carolina USA



Lord, Angela

From: Amber Harris <amberh5678@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Amber Harris

Lord, Angela

From: The Web Lab <theweblab502@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Cierra Swain
THE WEB LAB
theweblab502@gmail.com
www.the-web-lab.net



Lord, Angela

From: Oliana Luke <oliana.luke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DO NOT INCREASE BUDGET FOR GPD

Dear City Council,

My name is Oliana Luke and I am a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

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Oliana Luke
Pronouns: she/her/hers
828.337.3849
oliana.luke@gmail.com

Lord, Angela

From: ellie l <elizabeth.tbd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Concerns regarding the proposed budget

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Sincerely,

A concerned citizen of Greensboro

Lord, Angela

From: Leslie Williams <leslie.williams.rdn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Leslie Williams

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Lord, Angela

From: Skylar Shuford <seshufor@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Feedback on Police

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by the City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocate those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Skylar Shuford

Lord, Angela

From: Emma McPeeters <emmamcpeeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: The Community

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Shoemaker <hnsa2018@mymail.pomona.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Statement on proposed budget

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Hi,

My name is Hannah Shoemaker and I'm a resident of Greensboro. I wanted to email and express my concern about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I believe that Greensboro would be a safer and better place if instead of over-funding the GPD those funds were re-allocated and put towards bettering our community: creating and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Hannah

Lord, Angela

From: Alkemi Clean Greensboro <info@alkemicleangreensboro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget comments

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Dear council members,

I moved to Greensboro a few years ago to open a business here. Overall, it's been a wonderful experience and I'm glad I moved. That said, I have some specific concerns regarding the budget proposal.

Why have funds for neighborhood development beed decreased? One of the things I love about Greensboro is how much the city works to build and maintain parks, greenways, and other community services and recreation areas. Reducing the budget for these things would be a shame.

Also, in light of recent events, I believe we need more money allocated to business resources. So much damage has been done between the pandemic shutdowns and now the recent damage to downtown. Please set aside more resources to help us recover.

Furthermore, it's my understanding that the budget for the police department has been increased by \$2,000,000. Is this true? This seems beyond excessive. \$2,000,000 would go a long way in serving the community and restoring jobs, which is a much more favorable way of reducing crime.

Thank you for your time.

Have a great day,
Tom Hodges



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Lord, Angela

From: Sierra Rector <slrector3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Changes

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sierra Rector
Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Samantha Jhingree <sam.jhingree@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund GPD

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Dear City Council/City Manager,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Best,
Samantha Jhingree

Lord, Angela

From: Regan Murphy <reganm2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Sincerely,
Regan Murphy

Lord, Angela

From: Devin Ray <rayrhs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Do better

"Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community."

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